



Hillcrest Middle School

510 Garrison Road
Simpsonville, SC 29681

Grades	6-8 Middle School	
Enrollment	1,047 Students	
Principal	Keith Russell	864-355-6100
Superintendent	Mr. Burke Royster	864-355-3100
Board Chair	Mr. Chuck Saylor	803-360-3527

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	Good	Average
2013	Good	Average
2012	Good	Excellent
2011	Good	Good
2010	Good	Good

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent - School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Good - School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Average - School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Below Average - School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- At-Risk - School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision

SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

<http://ed.sc.gov>
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Percent of Student SC PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating

Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located

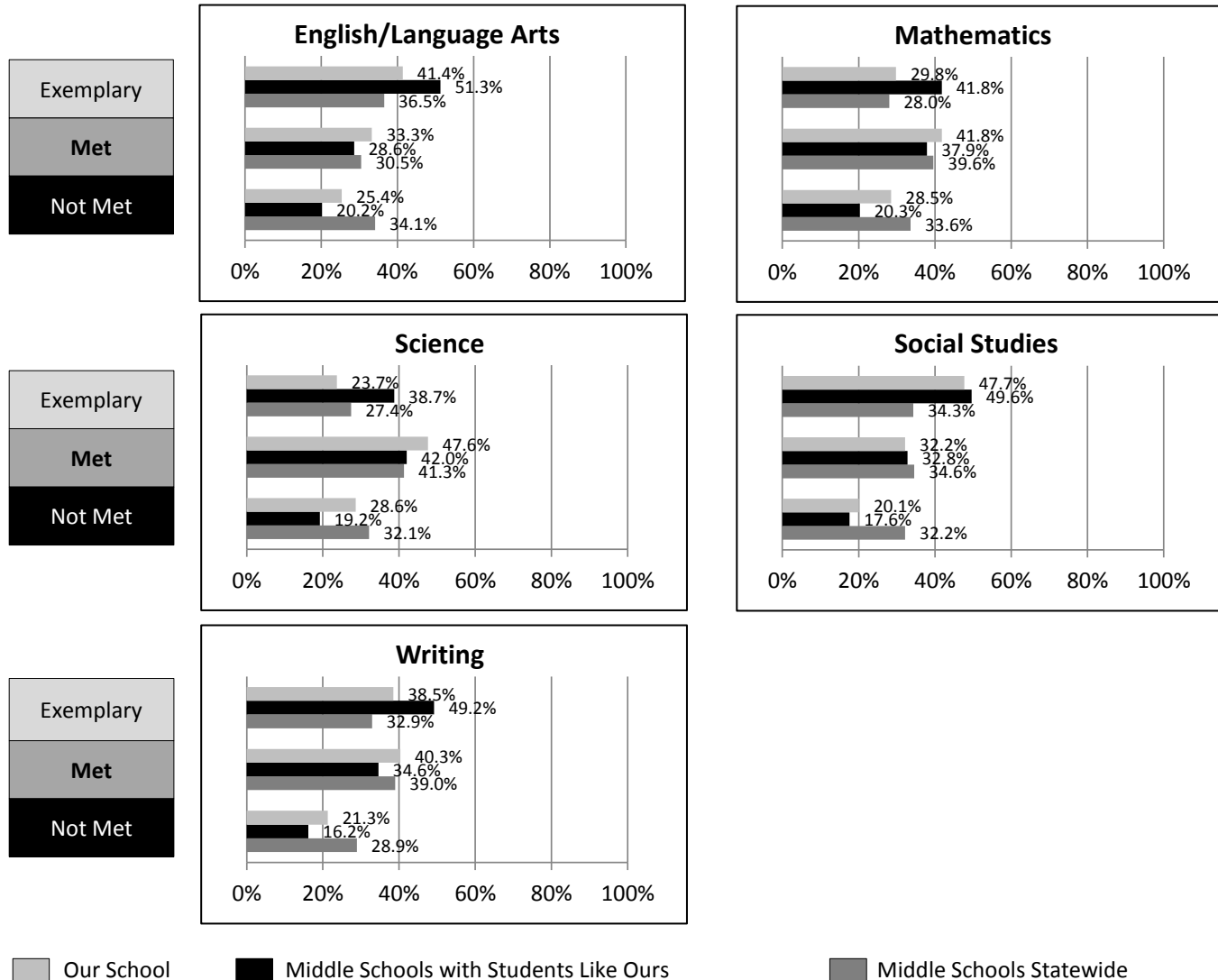
96.2%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
13	4	1	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015.

South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SC PASS)



* Middle Schools with Students Like Ours are middle schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

Definition of Critical Terms

Exemplary	"Exemplary" means student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
Met	"Met" means student met the grade level standard.
Not Met	"Not Met" means that the student did not meet the grade level standard.

Abbreviations for Missing Data

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School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n = 1,047)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	24.5%	Down from 26.8%	43.9%	26.0%
Retention Rate	1.1%	Down from 1.6%	0.3%	0.6%
Attendance Rate	97.0%	Up from 96.9%	96.9%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	21.5%	Up from 21.0%	31.6%	19.4%
With disabilities	11.8%	Up from 10.3%	10.2%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	2.6%	Down from 3.1%	2.8%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.7%	Down from 0.8%	0.3%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 59)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	69.5%	Down from 70.2%	67.9%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	89.8%	Up from 86.0%	83.8%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	95.4%	Up from 91.8%	90.7%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.1%	Up from 92.1%	95.1%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,994	Up 0.5%	\$48,149	\$47,081
Professional development days/teacher	7.5 days	Down from 7.9 days	8.5 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	24.0	Up from 23.0	5.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	27.7 to 1	Up from 25.4 to 1	24.9 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.6%	Up from 88.4%	91.0%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No change	99.9%	99.0%
Character development program	Good	No change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,897	Up 1.0%	\$6,785	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	63.0%	Down from 64.0%	63.0%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	62.5%	Up from 62.0%	62.4%	61.3%

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

End of Course Tests

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	100.0%	98.6%
English 1	100.0%	99.2%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	100.0%
All Subjects	100.0%	98.7%

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

Hillcrest Middle School experienced another outstanding year in 2013-14. With support from the community, the school continued to maintain its high academic performance status. The student population remained stable and we had minimal increase in staff numbers, but our performance remained good. This year, however, marked the first time in four years that our school did not achieve recognition from the state in regard to the Gold and Silver Awards. Our science scores dipped below the mandatory level, and we are working diligently to improve science -- all other academic areas met the standard to qualify for the respective awards. We continued our emphasis on developing Common Core standards and in assisting teachers in instruction techniques that will foment progress with the Common Core framework. Community and parental support remained an integral part of the overall school program, and our award-winning PTA contributed positively with eclectic support, from both a financial and voluntary stance. Student performance on the MAP test continued to rank very high among all the middle schools in the district -- our teachers and students all understand the importance of showing academic growth and our progress in this area is outstanding. Hillcrest Middle School has always emphasized academic performance and progress, and we continued that trend this past year. We will always stress academic achievement and the maintenance of rigorous instruction in an academic environment stressing student growth -- these emphases are critically important to the stakeholders of the school. The school is on solid footing to continue its progress to our ultimate goal.

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	52	281	171
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	75.1%	85.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	75.8%	83.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	85.7%	74.7%

* Only students at the highest middle school grade level and their parents were included.

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ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating System

In July 2013, the South Carolina Department of Education was granted a waiver from several accountability requirements of the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This waiver allowed SC to replace the former pass/fail system with one that utilizes more of the statewide assessments already in place and combine these subject area results with graduation rate (in high schools) to determine if each school met the target or made progress toward the target. This analysis results in a letter grade for the school rather than the pass/fail system of previous years. For a detailed review of the matrix for each school and districts that determined the letter grade, please use the following link: <http://ed.sc.gov/data/esea/> or request this information from your child's district or school.

Overall Weighted Points Total	84.4
Overall Grade Conversion	B

Index Score	Grade	Description
90-100	A	Performance substantially exceeds the state's expectations.
80-89.9	B	Performance exceeds the state's expectations.
70-79.9	C	Performance meets the state's expectations.
60-69.9	D	Performance does not meet the state's expectations.
Less than 60	F	Performance is substantially below the states' expectations.

Accountability Indicator (Title I Schools)

Hillcrest Middle School has been designated as a:

	Title I Reward School for Performance - among the highest performing Title I schools in a given year.
	Title I Reward School for Progress - one of the schools with substantial progress in school subgroups.
	Title I Focus School - one of the schools with the highest average performance gap between subgroups.
	Title I Priority School - one of the 5% lowest performing Title I schools.
	Title I School - does not qualify as Reward, Focus or Priority School.
X	Non-Title I School - therefore the designations above are not applicable.

Teacher Quality and Student Attendance

	Our District	State
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.2	3.2%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.8	7.3%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.6%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	97.0%	94.0%*	Yes

	State
Professional qualifications of all elementary and secondary teachers in the State (Advanced Degrees)	61.9%
Percentage of all elementary and secondary teachers in the State with emergency or provisional credentials	0.0%

* Or greater than last year

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SC PASS Performance By Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Social Studies Mean*	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested
Grades 6-8							
All Students	632.4	632.6	628.0	649.7	99.9	100.0	100.0
Male	625.2	632.3	628.9	654.7	99.8	100.0	100.0
Female	639.8	632.9	627.3	644.7	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	641.1	642.1	637.5	657.8	100.0	100.0	100.0
African American	609.4	608.7	602.1	627.4	99.6	100.0	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	627.6	622.9	621.0	649.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
American Indian/Alaskan Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	572.9	579.5	581.0	602.2	100.0	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	628.1	626.7	617.0	653.5	100.0	100.0	100.0
Subsidized Meals	618.4	616.1	615.0	635.1	100.0	100.0	100.0
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0

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Two Year Elementary and Middle School Grades Trend Data

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2013	3	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	4	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	5	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	6	361	631.9	100.0	361	632.7	100.0
	7	347	631.0	100.0	347	637.1	100.0
	8	337	634.6	100.0	337	628.5	100.0
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	4	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	5	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	6	182	624.5	98.9	179	647.5	99.4
	7	347	624.0	100.0	347	635.1	100.0
	8	168	629.4	100.0	169	647.5	100.0

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2014	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	354	629.9	100.0	354	629.1	99.7
	7	359	631.8	100.0	359	635.2	99.7
	8	343	635.8	99.7	344	633.6	99.4
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	177	617.5	100.0	178	651.1	99.4
	7	359	625.2	99.7	358	637.1	99.7
	8	173	645.5	100.0	171	675.6	98.8

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NOTE: Results include the SC-ALT test.

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Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (District)							4/27/2015	2301011
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Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	653.2	656.8	635.5	654.3	100.0	100.0	99.9	N/A
Male	648.2	656.6	636.6	655.4	100.0	100.0	99.9	N/A
Female	658.6	657.0	634.3	653.2	100.0	100.0	99.9	N/A
White	667.1	672.0	650.8	665.7	100.0	100.0	99.9	N/A
African American	627.0	624.4	607.2	631.6	100.0	100.0	99.9	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	682.1	699.7	661.2	682.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	635.0	640.4	616.0	640.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	658.7	663.3	638.6	662.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
With Disabilities	605.9	602.3	592.0	615.3	99.9	99.9	99.8	N/A
Limited English Proficient	638.0	648.1	620.5	642.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	632.4	632.1	614.4	634.8	100.0	100.0	99.9	N/A
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	634.8	639.1	642.2	645.5	99.9	100.0	99.9	N/A
Male	627.4	637.8	642.8	648.2	99.9	100.0	99.8	N/A
Female	642.5	640.6	641.5	642.7	100.0	100.0	99.9	N/A
White	649.3	653.0	658.7	658.8	100.0	100.0	99.9	N/A
African American	607.1	609.2	609.1	618.1	99.9	99.9	99.8	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	664.5	687.8	680.0	682.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	615.9	623.3	623.3	629.6	100.0	100.0	99.9	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	641.9	643.7	645.0	657.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
With Disabilities	576.3	584.3	585.8	593.5	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
Limited English Proficient	615.6	626.9	624.2	632.1	99.9	100.0	99.9	N/A
Subsidized Meals	612.4	616.2	617.8	622.9	99.9	99.9	99.8	N/A
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	233.8	226.3	84.8	78.0	99.7	99.6	100.0	82.5
Male	229.9	226.4	85.0	78.9	99.6	99.4	100.0	78.6
Female	237.8	226.2	84.5	77.1	99.7	99.8	100.0	86.7
White	239.4	233.0	88.2	80.6	99.7	99.7	100.0	86.5
African American	221.9	210.7	77.4	72.3	99.6	99.4	100.0	74.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	245.0	249.9	91.3	83.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	93.2
Hispanic	226.4	218.8	79.5	73.7	99.7	99.8	100.0	77.3
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	84.6
With Disabilities	205.9	197.1	71.8	69.4	99.1	98.5	100.0	43.1
Limited English Proficient	219.9	213.5	77.0	71.4	99.8	100.0	100.0	70.5
Subsidized Meals	222.8	213.5	78.6	72.9	99.4	99.4	100.0	70.8
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	229.0	226.0	78.0	75.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	75.1

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Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies* / History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	643.8	644.3	626.4	645.0	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Male	638.9	643.9	627.0	646.5	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Female	649.0	644.6	625.8	643.4	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
White	659.5	662.7	644.4	659.5	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
African American	622.3	617.3	601.2	624.1	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	669.9	686.6	655.9	673.4	99.9	100.0	99.8	N/A
Hispanic	631.7	634.6	614.5	636.5	99.7	99.9	99.9	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	642.1	640.4	627.1	641.8	99.7	99.9	99.5	N/A
With Disabilities	599.3	596.5	587.6	609.2	98.9	99.5	99.5	N/A
Limited English Proficient	631.2	638.6	615.0	638.1	99.7	99.9	99.9	N/A
Subsidized Meals	627.7	625.2	609.4	628.7	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
Migrant	608.2	615.1	590.4	623.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	627.8	632.2	634.7	637.4	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
Male	620.6	630.1	634.4	639.8	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Female	635.4	634.3	635.0	634.9	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
White	644.3	647.7	652.3	652.3	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
African American	604.3	608.5	608.9	615.2	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	658.5	680.2	673.0	677.3	99.9	99.9	99.9	N/A
Hispanic	617.3	625.4	625.0	630.5	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	629.4	631.2	637.2	638.3	99.9	99.8	99.7	N/A
With Disabilities	574.5	584.3	584.9	592.8	99.4	99.4	99.2	N/A
Limited English Proficient	612.5	625.8	622.5	629.8	99.6	99.7	99.8	N/A
Subsidized Meals	610.0	614.6	616.3	619.9	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Migrant	586.4	606.8	600.8	607.7	98.2	98.2	100.0	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	229.3	222.6	81.8	74.9	98.7	98.7	100.0	80.0
Male	225.6	222.4	81.8	75.9	98.3	98.3	100.0	75.7
Female	233.2	222.9	81.9	74.0	99.2	99.1	100.0	84.5
White	235.9	230.8	86.1	78.1	99.0	98.9	100.0	82.8
African American	219.6	209.6	75.2	69.9	98.3	98.3	100.0	76.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	240.2	245.8	89.4	80.3	99.3	99.3	100.0	88.0
Hispanic	225.1	219.4	79.5	73.5	98.9	99.0	100.0	76.9
American Indian/Alaskan	228.8	220.3	81.9	77.2	98.9	99.3	100.0	74.3
With Disabilities	204.3	196.5	68.4	66.2	96.6	96.5	100.0	43.2
Limited English Proficient	218.0	214.7	76.6	71.3	99.3	99.3	100.0	73.4
Subsidized Meals	221.1	212.6	76.8	70.8	98.3	98.2	100.0	72.5
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	61.5
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	229.0	226.0	78.0	75.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	75.1

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*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level.

Reading - Grade 4 (2013)



Mathematics - Grade 4 (2013)



Reading - Grade 8 (2013)



Mathematics - Grade 8 (2013)



Key

NSLP National school lunch program

SD Student with disabilities

ELL English language learner

NAEP National Association of Education Progress

	SD Participation Rate	ELL Participation Rate
Reading, Grade 4	89.0%	96.0%
Reading, Grade 8	85.0%	96.0%
Mathematics, Grade 4	93.0%	99.0%
Mathematics, Grade 8	90.0%	95.0%

Our School

Number of recently arrived ELL students exempted from ELA in state assessments

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